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THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY

1. Three large obedinenie (associations) have been created under the Ministry of Heavy Industry. They are directly connected with the forestry (lumber) industry and through it with other important industries. They are the "Vuglishta" ("Coal") Obedinenie with Director Yosif Levi, the "Duvodobiv i Transport" ("Lumber Production and Transportation") Obedinenie with Director Mikhail Kovachev, and the "Mashinostroenie" ("Machine Building") Obedinenie with Director Yordan Iyutakov.
2. The plan for 1952 production and the three-month plan for 1953 have not been fulfilled by these three important branches of economy. This is reflected in other branches of heavy industry and in all enterprises using coal. The non-fulfillment of the plan for lumber production is reflected not only in the lumber processing industry but most of all in construction and in mining, where there are not enough beam supports for the drifts in hard coal mines. The unequal supply of machinery, the poor upkeep, and the unequal supplying of spare parts, and spare tools by the "Mashinostroenie" Obedinenie have hindered and sabotaged all areas of economy.
3. The quality of production is under general criticism; manpower is not used in the best way; the living conditions of the workers is not good; and workers' wages are low.
4. Forestry workers who were engaged in woodcutting and who had no place to live because of a lack of portable wooden barracks, had to travel several kilometers to sleep in some villages. They had to get up early in the cold at about 21 degrees below zero centigrade to reach the work projects. The workers have not been paid for about four to six months and the workers' cafeterias are not organized. In the villages near the work sites there is no food for the workers nor forage for the animals engaged in hauling wood.

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5. Some of the GFS (Gorsko Promishleno Stopanstvo, Forest Industrial Managements) have pig farms with from 60 to 800 pigs, mostly in Malko Turnovo and Grudovo okoliyas. These pigs did not get grain during the winter of 1952-1953.

DURVODOBIV I TRANSPORT UNDER THE GORSKITE PROMISHLENI UPRAVLENIE (FORESTRY ADMINISTRATIONS)

6. The Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Council of Ministers in Sofia attached great importance to this Obединenie under the Ministry of Heavy Industry and therefore they replaced in the beginning of 1953 its cadres which showed no competence and no desire during 1952 to fulfill the plan of the Gorsko Promishleno Upravlenie.

THE GORSKO PROMISHLENO PREDPRIYATIE (INDUSTRIAL LUMBER ENTERPRISE) IN VELIGRAD PAZARDZHIK OKOLIYA WITH DIRECTOR TODOR YAMAKOV

7. The assistant director is Popov. The chief engineer is Georgi Velichenov. In this enterprise the forestry workers are driven in winter to work on a 24-hour schedule in extreme cold. Despite this, the plan was not fulfilled.
8. The materials produced in the enterprise are used for the following: supplying construction with lumber for construction; supplying industrial enterprises, supplying enterprises for electrification, and supplying mines with supports and lumber for construction.
9. The workers have actually been treated like slaves, without clothing and food, with very low wages. The blame lies mostly with the chairman of the town people's Soviet, Todor Peev, a Communist.

THE GORSKO PROMISHLENO PREDPRIYATIE IN STALIN

10. The Director is Slavi Slavov. The chief initiator for gathering vehicles and pack animals from the villages in the area of the Stalin GPP is Petur Bombov, the chairman of the Okrug People's Soviet in Stalin. He resorted to confiscating the forage of private farmers without payment and giving it to the GPP for feeding livestock, which were engaged in hauling wood and building materials.
11. Despite these measures on the part of the regime, the plan for cutting, hauling, and transporting the materials for the first three months of 1953 was not fulfilled and the workers have not been paid for their work days.

THE GPP IN TURNOVO

12. The administrative organs and the workers in Turnovo and the district of the GPP have a completely passive attitude towards the fulfillment of the plan for lumber production.
13. The following persons were accused for non-fulfillment of the plan: Chairman of the Okrug People's Soviet Pavlov; Chairman of the Okoliya People's Soviet in Elena, Yordan Chukanski; Chairman of the Gabrovo People's Soviet Petur Eturski; Chairman of the Turnovo Okoliya People's Soviet Konachiev; and the Director of the GPP in Elena, Sava Popov.

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- (c) The "Pirin" Mine lacked supports of beech and pine;
- (d) For the first three months of 1953, 600 cubic meters for towers of electric lines were planned, but only 125 cubic meters were provided;
- (e) The planned quantity of sleepers for Bulgarian state trains were not produced and delivered because the repair of railroad lines was not fulfilled, and transportation throughout the country was thus hindered;
- (f) Beech lumber was not supplied for making suitable packing cases for vegetables which were to be shipped from Petrich, Sandanski, and Blagoevgrad okoliyas to Sofia.

CABLEWAYS TO THE GPP

16. The following are electric cableways which are used for transporting wood materials to the following GPP:
 - (a) The "Anton Ivanov" cableway to the Peshtera GPP;
 - (b) The "Chavdar" cableway to the Teteven GPP;
 - (c) The "Anton Popov" cableway to the "Tumba" Vrukh (Peak) in the Belastitsa planina (mountains) to the Petrich GPP;
 - (d) The "Aurora" cableway in Etropole whose director is Grebenarov;
 - (e) The "Chocholu" cableway in the Tvarditsa GPP with its director Yordanov;
 - (f) The cableway to the Troyan GPP with director Vasil Radev.

THE COMPETENCE OF THE TECHNICAL CADRES IN FOREST LUMBER INDUSTRY

17. The Ministry of Heavy Industry with Minister Anton Yugov, and the Central Committee of the Party hurl heavy accusations at the technical cadres who they think did not prepare fully for the fulfillment of the lumber production plan. They also accuse the workers of open sabotage.
18. The enterprise in Kazanluk with chief engineer Bokichev, the enterprise in Razlog with director Nikola Abadzhiev, the enterprise in Samokov with Ivan Popov, the enterprise in Gara "Richim" with director Angel Milin, and the enterprise in Peshtera with chief engineer Bazarov, are lagging in fulfilling the plan.
19. They have not organized the train of carts and trucks. In many places the workers threw the electric saws under the snow, as was the case in the area of the Gabrovo GPP with chief engineer Boris Maydenov.
20. The GPP are not financially stable.

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